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Ms. Karen Godnick Barber, Esq.
Department of Mental Health
280 State Drive, NOB 2 North
Waterbury, VT 05671

RE: Docket No. GMCB-002-21con, Construction of Secure Residential Treatment Program in Essex. Original Project Cost: \$21,900,521. Revised Project Cost: \$24,790,473.

Dear Ms. Barber,

We have reviewed the above-referenced request from the Department of Mental Health to amend its existing Certificate of Need (Docket No. GMCB-002-21con) to increase the total project cost from \$21,900,521 to \$24,790,473, a 13.2% increase due to increases in cost related to the Covid-19 pandemic. The Board's review of this material change is now closed.

Individuals or entities have up to five business days following the closure of the Board's review of this material change request to petition for interested party or amicus curiae status. Comments from the public will be accepted through March 18, 2022, ten calendar days after the date of this close letter. Following the conclusion of this comment period, the Board will deliberate and issue a written decision.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
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Senior Health Policy Analyst

cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney

